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1. HUGH DAVIES IS ON LEAVE AT MIT BUT E/C OFFICER DISCUSSED PROPOSED TRIP WITH ALEX MCKINLEY, ACTING DIRECTOR GEOLOGICAL SERVICE. MCKINLEY SENDS REGARDS MCINTYRE.
2. MCKINLEY SUGGESTED THAT CONTACT BE MADE WITH HEAD OFFICERS OF MINERAL FIRMS IN AUSTRALIA BEFORE MCINTYRE VISITS PNG. MCKINLEY SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING CONTACTS. FOR OK TEDI, TED COLLINS IN MELBOURNE. FOR FREIDA RIVER, DAVE STRAW, MT. ISA MINES, BIRSBANE, 221-0044. CURRENT ESTIMATE ON FREIDA RIVER IS 500 MILLION TONS OF ORE, 0.5 PERCENT COPPER. ALSO SUGGEST DISCUSS NICKEL DEPOSIT AT MARUNA COMPLEX WITH STRAW.
3. MAN TO CONTACT ABOUT YANDERA IS H. SHULMAN WITH AMDEX IN SYDNEY. SHULMAN CAN ALSO DISCUSS POSSIBLE COPPER MINE SITE IN WEST NEW BRITAIN WITH WHICH MIM IS ALSO INVOLVED. CRA LOOKS LIKELY TO GET PROJECT AUTHORITY FOR MANUS (COPPER). CONTACT IS JAKOB REBEK IN CANBERRA. THE DROMITE PROJECTS BY AMAX STILL LOOK GOOD. CONTACT IS JACK THOMPSON IN SYDNEY. NORD RESOURCES IS ALSO LOOKING FOR

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CHROMITE. CONTACT IS HENK VAN DEN HEUVEL IN SYDNEY.

4. BHP IS LOOKING FOR GOLD IN WOODLARK ISLAND. CONTACT UNKNOWN. PLACER IS LOOKING FOR GOLD AT MISIMA. WE CAN MAKE CONTACT HERE.
5. MOST USEFUL PLACES TO VISIT ARE PROBABLY FREIDA

RIVER, YANDERA, MANUS AND AMAX SITE NEAR LAE. MCKINLEY
ALSO SUGGESTED VISITING WOODLARK AND MISIMA.

6. POST WELCOMES MCINTYRE'S VISIT AND WILL BE GLAD TO
PROVIDE ALL ASSISTANCE NECESSARY. E/C OFFICER WOULD HOPE
TO ACCOMPANY MCINTYRE ON SOME OF THE VISITS. LOCAL
APPOINTMENTS WILL BE MADE WHEN EXACT TIME IS SET.

7. SOLOMON ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE IS JULY 7. MCINTYRE
SHOULD PLAN TO AVOID HONIARA WEEKS JULY 1ST -
JULY 14TH. SHOULD BE AWARE THAT ENTIRE SOLOMON
ISLANDS GOVERNMENT WILL BE PREOCCUPIED WITH PREPARATIONS
FOR INDEPENDENCE SOME WEEKS PRIOR TO JULY 7.
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